

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121

Applicants hereby elect without traverse, Group I, Claims 1-8, drawn to electroprocessed collagen, for further prosecution on the merits. Applicants reserve their rights to pursue claims 9-24 in a divisional patent application.

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete Response to the Office Action mailed on September 17, 2003. This Response is timely filed as January 17, 2004 is a Saturday and January 19, 2004 is a holiday and in view of the filing herewith of a Petition for an Extension of Time for three months and payment of the required fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account number 11-0855.

The Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney of record if such contact will facilitate an efficient examination and allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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